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THE astonishing act of the republican state central committee in refusing to repudiate government by the Southern Pacific political bureau and meekly bowing the official neck to the yoke has elicited a derisive chorus of condemnation from the independent press of California. From no quarter in this commonwealth comes a word of approval. It is universally realized that the position taken by the committee is absolutely indefensible, as well as an exhibition of gross stupidity. A few of these opinions may be quoted by way of example. For instance, the Santa Barbara Independent:

Effort was made by the republican state central committee to hide the fact that the Southern Pacific owns and controls the "regular" organizations of the party. The committeemen at the San Francisco meeting Monday publicly declared themselves the property of the corporation.
One attempt was made to stampede the herd, but Herrin's riders were on the job and the maverick was cut out and turned adrift on the range, to insure where he couldn't contaminate the others.
Following W. F. Herrin's late defense of commercialized government, the spectacle of the state committee indorsing the sort of government that he vouchsafes the state was one to make Pluto grin. Things were coming his way fast.

The Red Bluff People's Cause, speaking of the resolution offered by Chester Rowell to repudiate government by W. F. Herrin, has this:
That gave the convention a beautiful opportunity to protest its affection for the people and to blazon abroad the statement that it owed nothing to the Southern Pacific political bureau and that it was a free and untrammelled body of men.
Here was a chance to do politics, to get in right with the people and to quell the insurgents.
But on a motion the resolution was tabled.

The Tulare Register sees it this way:
The issue is now clearer than it was before. The old machine has confessed its subservency to the Southern Pacific and no effort of its bound newspapers can explain it away. What are we going to do about it? Let every republican voter ask himself that question and answer it conscientiously.
There is a way to make sure of political freedom in this state, and it is the easiest way imaginable. Under the old convention system there was no possible avenue of escape from Herrin's clutch, but the people have it within their power this year to overturn the machine and give to California a people's government.

The Stockton Record takes this view:
Is the republican state central committee of California working for the success of the democratic state ticket? Its action in San Francisco last Monday appears so. The republican state ticket can not win without the votes of the progressive republicans, or the insurgents, in California, if you choose that word. No one knows that any better than the members of the republican state central committee, yet that committee goes out of its way to slap and abuse independent republicans; to alienate republicans who have been "regular" until now.

The Modesto News describes the self-immolation executed by the committee thus:
The committee had been spiked to the wall and left there, exposed as the right arm of the much despised Southern Pacific. Perhaps if Herrin had been there the mistake would not have been allowed to go uncorrected. But it requires more than the political acumen of Herrin to turn that monumental piece of stupidity into anything of advantage to the machine. So at last, after many years of denial of railroad control, the republican organization admits that it is the handmaid of the railroad corporation.

These quotations might be multiplied indefinitely, and everything printed on the subject is very much in the same tenor. Even the most hidebound organs of the railroad political bureau have not dared to peep in defense of this extraordinary committee of subservient imbeciles.

AN invitation has been extended to Theodore Roosevelt to visit and take part in the annual convention of the American mining congress, which will be held in Los Angeles beginning September 26. In urging Mr. Roosevelt to attend and make himself heard the letter of invitation points out that a fight will be made in the convention for resolutions generally condemning the policies of conservation that have become identified with Roosevelt's name. It is declared:
Hurried messages have gone forward from many conservationists who are endeavoring to organize a movement in this portion of the country addressed to Roosevelt, Pinchot and other leaders urging them to make every effort to be at the congress, and it is believed that every city of any considerable size in all western states and many leading publicists will join in the appeal.

See That It Is Made in California

Another Case for Sherlock Holmes



—Chicago Post

whether in the way of agricultural and horticultural products or the more finished output of the factory. Another feature of the league's work should be the creation of an organization covering the whole state and working for the common good.
It is the fact that some of our people engaged in large enterprises do not patronize home industry as they should. This policy is short sighted and unwise. Some of the people who are giving such preferences to foreign manufacturers are dependent for the success of their enterprises on the prosperity of their neighbors in this commonwealth. They do not seem to reflect that when they buy abroad they help to take away and injure the purchasing power of the people at home. Much of this foreign buying was done during the early period of rehabilitation in this city after the fire and something of the sort is still done. The impolicy of the practice has been to a large degree brought home to the people who are still engaged in building, and as the result of this campaign of education 83 per cent of the structural steel and iron is now being bought at home. It is the prime object of the league to continue this campaign of education as to all products made in California.

MEXICO'S election passed off quietly—as usual. Diaz, as usual, was elected by a large majority, but the vote was light. Such, in summary, is the news from our neighbor republic. It all sounds familiar. No special gift of prophecy was needed to forecast what happened. The vote was light, no doubt for the reason that in Mexico voting against Diaz may be classed among the hazardous occupations.

This is not saying that Diaz is not the right man for dictator of Mexico. In its present stage of political evolution whoever is president of the so called republic of Mexico must hold his place by the stern exercise of military rule. As long as this is true no better man than Diaz can be found for the job. If it were not for Diaz Mexico today would be in very much the same case as Nicaragua, and the revolutionaries on the border are laboring to bring about Nicaraguan conditions. Something of what Diaz has done for Mexico and his methods is given by a recent writer on the subject:

When Diaz became president there was no money in the treasury and the foreign credit of Mexico was good for nothing. Only 10 per cent of the inhabitants could read and write. Commerce was at a low ebb and the country was in about the condition of the south at the close of the civil war. He brought order out of chaos. With the assistance of a financial genius, Limantour, he reconstructed the financial system and re-established the national credit. He restored order by converting the marauding brigands into a body of mounted police—the rurales—comparing with those of the Canadian northwest. Toward revolutionists he was inexorable. He was once asked what should be done with a certain notorious ringleader of sedition who had been taken. His answer is said to have been, "Kill him while we have him in hand." The people of Yucatan, who are giving the Mexican government so much trouble at present, nominated another man, but the people's candidate was elected. Thereupon Diaz sent a message: "I am glad to know that my candidate was elected. I am sending troops to inductate him." The Yucatecans took the hint, and the vote was counted again. It was found that the man named by Diaz was elected.

It is not an ideal form of government, but it seems necessary in the circumstances. It makes Mexico prosperous and certainly promotes the peace and comfort of the United States, which under other conditions would be perpetually called on to adjust the ugly quarrels of contending military chieftains. Nicaragua is giving us all the trouble of this sort that we can accommodate.

BY Labor Commissioner Mackenzie's report on Japanese immigration the impression was created in the east that California opinion on the subject had suffered a radical change, but this false impression is not universally shared in that quarter. The report was hailed with joy by all those influences and agencies which are usually found taking position in favor of cheap and servile labor. These agencies, however noisy and persistent, are not representative. They are always allied with the influences which desire to break down and lower the American standard of living.

We find the other view in the Buffalo Courier, which says:
The real California view no doubt is presented by the San Francisco Call, a republican paper which has been prominent in the battle of several years for reform in that municipality, and professes to view public questions from a moral standpoint. Asserting that by creating misconceptions the Mackenzie report may prove a serious setback to the civilization of the Pacific coast, it declares the Japanese question is not in any important way an economic problem; that it is to the creation of a difficult and dangerous race problem that the people of the coast are united in opposition; that the Japanese, the Hindus and the Chinese can not be made a part of American civilization except in the capacity of servile labor; and it concludes: "It is the class of people who want servile labor who inspired the Mackenzie report. It would be better that every vineyard and orchard in California should go untilled and unharvested than that we should turn them over to a class of helots." Right or wrong in principle, that can be believed still the opinion which in California is dominant.

The injury that Mackenzie did to California is no doubt real, but we hope, not lasting. The argument on our side is so strong and so convincing that it needs only to be presented and it must prevail. This is not primarily an economic question at all, but if it were we should be better off without the Japanese, the Chinese, the Hindus or other Asiatic laborers.



MRS. OSCAR COOPER is counted among the popular young matrons of the fashionable suburb, Hillsboro, where she and her husband have been residing for the last two years. Cooper has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, and during his convalescence received the news of the arrival in San Francisco of some eastern friends, who expressed a desire not only to see him but to meet his charming wife.
As he was unable to come to town, he dispatched a most cordial invitation for them to spend the day at their country home. On the day arranged Mrs. Cooper, attired in her smart riding coat, breeches and boots, went out to enjoy her usual daily ride, planning to return in time to welcome the visitors. As they were driving up from the station they were startled by a masculine young woman, riding astride, who dashed by the trap. Upon their arrival at the house they were greeted by Mr. Cooper, who was explaining that his wife "would be down in a few moments," when Mrs. Cooper appeared in a dainty lingerie gown and was introduced to the guests.
Only after a few moments had elapsed when they related the incident on the road and remarked that "At last they had seen the eccentric Eleonora Sears dressed like a man!"

Before the month of June has passed with the long list of weddings the similar events of July are already announced. Among the most interesting weddings of the next month will be that of Miss Emma Turner and Lieutenant George Ruhlen Jr., which will be celebrated July 18 in the chapel at the Presidio. The wedding will have the pomp and glitter of service affairs, and there will be a brilliant reception afterward at the home of Captain and Mrs. Frederick Stopford. Another wedding of July is that of Miss Edith Simpson and Roy Pike. The interesting ceremony will be performed Tuesday, July 12, by Bishop William Ford Nichols. Whether the wedding will be at church or at the home of the bride in Pacific avenue has not been decided.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Burke, who was Miss Genevieve Walker, returned rather unexpectedly a day or two ago and received a cordial greeting from their friends here. They have been traveling abroad since their marriage and have passed most of the time in Dublin as the guests of the Burke family. It was supposed that they would remain in Europe until the return of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Barron, who was Miss Genevieve Harvey. The plans were changed, however, and the Burkes returned first. Mr. and Mrs. Barron will remain abroad indefinitely and will travel leisurely through Europe before their return. The presence of William Burke since was demanded by some business interests here, and so the homeward trip was hastened. The bride is one of the most popular girls in the Martin set, and it will be regretted that she is going out of town. The young couple will leave this morning for their country home at Laurelwood, where they will remain most of the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Burke will be frequent visitors in town and will be feted doubtless at several of the later summer affairs.

Harry Simpkins was host at one of the informal luncheons of yesterday given at the Palace for less than a dozen friends, when the complimented guests of the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Mrs. Carey Friedlander entertained last a dozen friends at an informal luncheon given yesterday at the Palace.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip N. Aronson, accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Prager, have been enjoying a tour of Italy and Germany, where they have visited all the important cities. They will continue their travels in Europe this summer and have not mentioned any date for their return.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

CIDER—Mrs. E., City. How is hard cider made and what is put into it to prevent it from spoiling?
To give you the recipes for making cider would take more space than this department can devote to any question. If you go to the free library in Hayes street, near Franklin, you will find books there which give you the different methods of converting apples into cider.
HOME FOR GIRL—A. S., City. Is there any nice home or boarding house where a girl about 18 years of age, just left motherless, could secure board and lodging at reasonable rates?
Advertisement in The Call.
EXCHANGE—S., City. Which three exchanges in the world charge the highest price for membership?
According to the Investment Guide, by Henry Clews & Co., the three highest are New York stock exchange, \$75,000; Boston stock exchange, \$37,000; and Montreal stock exchange, \$23,000.
MORNING GLOOM—G. E., Fallon, Nev. What will destroy the morning glory which has become a nuisance?
Cut down the plant by spading the root, then pour brine on the cut root.
LARGEST COUNTY—Reader, City. Which is the largest county in California, and what is its area?
San Bernardino, 29,055 square miles.
NUTRITION—O. T., City. Which has the greater amount of nutrition, roast beef or roast chicken?
Each has the same—25 per cent.
WIDOW—G. A., Berkeley. Is a widow in California obliged to pay an inheritance tax?
Exempt up to \$10,000.

PERSONS IN THE NEWS

GEORGE DIXON, assistant manager of the Argonaut, returned from Denver yesterday. He was one of the local delegation to the Green's convention and was elected first vice president.
T. A. GRAHAM, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, is at the St. Francis.
FRANK M. DALY of Ventura and R. W. Halseid of Santa Barbara are staying at the Marx.
MR. AND MRS. CHARLES A. WINSHIP of Los Angeles are guests at the Fairmont.
VINCENT COOK, a businessman of Portland, is among the recent arrivals at the Palace.
E. R. CLEVELAND, hotelman of El Tovar, Colo., is a guest at the St. Francis.
T. G. LOCKHART, a mining operator of Goldfield, is registered at the Stewart.
MAX MEYER, a cigar manufacturer of Portland, is a guest at the Palace.
W. O. HALL, a wholesale grocer of Sacramento, is staying at the Argonaut.
MISS COBA IRVIN, a teacher from San Bernardino, is at the Belmont.
J. H. ZITT, a mining man of Los Angeles, is staying at the St. Francis.
THEODORE A. BELL, candidate for nomination for governor on the democratic ticket, is registered at the Argonaut.
JOHN KIPPER, partner of James J. Jeffries in the saloon business, is a guest at the St. Francis.
MR. AND MRS. E. E. SMITH of Kansas City are guests at the Stewart.
L. J. MARTIN, a merchant of Chicago, and Mrs. Martin are at the Turpin.
GEORGE L. BAKER, a theatrical man of Portland, is at the Palace.
LE DE SALLIER, an oil operator of Bakersfield, is at the Palace.
H. J. BUSH, a fruit grower of Woodland, is at the Stanford.
J. W. KNOX, an attorney of Merced, is a guest at the Palace.
W. PRICE, a newspaperman of Los Angeles, is at the Dale.
M. NICHOLSON, a merchant of Seattle, is at the Dale.
JUDGE M. O. STRAND of Merced is at the Stanford.
J. BROOKS, a contractor of Stockton, is at the Turpin.
MRS. L. FALK of Eureka is at the Belmont.

PLAYING THE MARKET
"Curbroke never pays for his meat until a month afterward."
"So I hear. Prices in the meantime go up, and he feels as though he'd made something."—Puck.